

House Resolution 1205

By: Representatives Marin of the 96th, Mitchell of the 88th, Porter of the 143rd, Sellier of the 136th, Benfield of the 85th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the importance of accurate census data and requesting the United States
2 Congress, the President, Georgia government officials and agencies, and Georgia citizens do
3 all that is possible to ensure a successful 2010 United States Census; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, an accurate census count is vital to the well-being of Georgia's communities and
5 residents because census results help planners determine where to locate schools, day-care
6 centers, roads and public transportation, hospitals, and other facilities; and

7 WHEREAS, data collected during a census is used to make decisions concerning business
8 growth and housing needs; and

9 WHEREAS, more than \$400 billion per year in federal and state funding is allocated to states
10 and communities based on census data; and

11 WHEREAS, census data is used to ensure fair congressional representation by determining
12 how many seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives as well as the
13 redistricting of state legislatures, county and city councils, and voting districts; and

14 WHEREAS, the 2010 Census creates jobs that stimulate economic growth and increase
15 employment opportunities in Georgia communities; and

16 WHEREAS, the information collected by the census is protected by law and remains
17 confidential for 72 years; and

18 WHEREAS, the National Hispanic Caucus of State Legislators is committed to partnering
19 with the U.S. Census Bureau to help ensure a full and accurate count in 2010; and

20 WHEREAS, it is important that all communities and persons residing in the United States
21 participate in the 2010 United States Census to ensure all are accounted for and represented.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 the members of this body encourage government officials on all levels and residents of
24 Georgia to cooperate fully with the U.S. Census Bureau to help ensure a full and accurate
25 count in the 2010 United States Census.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to members of the press and
28 the public.